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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 21, 2004. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-40 were pending. Claims 28-36, 39, and 40 are allowed; Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 12-16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 27, 37, and 38 are rejected and Claims 4, 6, 7, 9-11, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25, and 26 are objected to. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 3, 14, 16, 37 and 38 and amended Claims 2, 4-6, 8-13, 15, 17-21, 23, 25, and 26. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added with these amendments. For at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 102 and 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-3, 5, 12-16, 18, 21, 24, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lager, et al. U.S. Patent 6,636,502 ("*Lager*") and Claims 8, 22, 37, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lager* in view of Balazinski, et al. U.S. Patent 6,711,143 ("*Balazinski*"). Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 3, 14, 16, 37, and 38. Claims 2, 5, 8, 12, 13, 15, 18, 21, 22, 24, and 27 have been amend to depend, or now depend, from one of rewritten Claims 4 and 17, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form as discussed below. Accordingly, the above rejections are moot and Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 2, 5, 8, 12, 13, 15, 18, 21, 22, 24, and 27.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note and appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 28-36, 39 and 40.

Claims 4, 6, 7, 9-11, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25, and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten Claims 4, 6, 9-11, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25, and 26 in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, Applicants submit that amended Claims 4, 6, 9-11, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25, and 26 as well as Claim 7 that depends from Claim 4 are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and for reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

With the conversion of dependent claims 4, 6, 9-11, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25, and 26 to independent form, a new filing fee of \$602.00 is due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this and any other additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 of Siemens Information & Communications Products, L.L.C.

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